

REMARKSRejection - 35 U.S.C §102(b) – Asher (USP 5,159,159)

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by Asher. In light of the currently amended claims, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-15 of the present application are not anticipated by Asher and early reconsideration is requested.

Directing Examiner's attention to MPEP 2131, the threshold issue under §102 is whether the Examiner has established a *prima facie* case for anticipation. "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ 2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)".

Independent Claim 1 currently recites "a display unit comprising a screen having a coating disposed on said surface". Hence, the screen upon which the user provides input is the surface of a display screen that projects images to the user, such as a video display unit.

Applicant notes that the Asher reference discloses various configurations of touch sensors that may be used *with* a display screen, such as touch pads, but the touch sensors themselves are not capable of *displaying* images to a user. The Asher reference does not disclose the use of a video screen surface to accept user input.

In contrast, the present invention as claimed utilizes the resistive coating on a video display screen in conjunction with circuitry to determine the location of user input when the user touches the display screen.

Therefore, as the Asher reference does not disclose the use of a video screen coating in conjunction with circuitry to determine the location of a user's touch on a

video display screen, it is respectfully asserted that the Asher reference does not disclose each and every element of Claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Asher and is currently in a condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 2-15 are believed to be allowable as being dependent on allowable base claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant requests that this application be allowed. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, the Examiner may telephone the undersigned attorney at 775-586-9500.

Respectfully submitted,
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